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THE MODERN HOSPITAL: ITS INSPIRATION; ITS ARCHITECTURE; ITS EQUIPMENT; ITS OPERATION. By John A. Hornsby, M.D., Secretary Hospital Section, American Medical Association, Member American Hospital Association, etc., and Richard E. Schmidt, Architect, Fellow American Institute of Architects. Octavo Volume of 644 pages, with 207 illustrations. Price, \$7.00, cloth; \$8.50, half morocco. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

The modern hospital forms a big subject, even if but one of its five divisions, as given in the sub-title, forms the text of the book. In this one we have the last work on each, and it makes a book of exceeding interest to all who are engaged in hospital work. It discusses the hospital from roof to cellar and sewer, every detail of construction, of equipment and furnishing, each personality in its management, from the president of the board of directors down to the helper in the scullery. The purchase of supplies and food, the arrangement of menus, the cost of maintaining patients, the running of the laundry, are only a few of the divisions, all of which are treated in the most minute detail. There is nothing slighted, and many surprising and unlooked-for topics are included under the heading of "Modern Hospital."

THE PEOPLE'S MEDICAL GUIDE. By John Grimshaw, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Cambridge), M.R.C.S. (England), author of "Reflections on Ophthalmic Work in the Army," "Eye-Strain and Eyesight," "Your Child's Health," "The Medical Care of the School Child," etc. Price, \$3.00. The MacMillan Company, New York.

The book contains "Points for the Patient," "Notes for the Nurse," "Matter for the Medical Adviser," "Succour for the Sufferer," and "Precepts for the Public;" so declares the author, whom one immediately suspects of being one of those nimble-minded folk who like to stir up mischief which no one finds easy to undo. The book does not come under the head of preventive medicine or nursing, and it would seem to this reviewer hardly wise to give to lay people permission to make diagnosis and apply treatment as it does, seeing that in these branches of applied knowledge the saying "A little learning is a dangerous thing"